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A FEW WORDS.

In accordance with a belief that a good newspaper would pay in Cheboygan, the NORTHERN TRIBUNE has been established. Whether or not that belief is well founded time alone can prove. The publishing of a newspaper is very similar to any other class of business. If there is want felt in any community for a paper, and one is established and fills that want, it will be a success, if it does not, like any other business under the same circumstances, the enterprise must prove a failure. Upon this basis, and no other does this journal desire support and encouragement from the community, and just in proportion as its fills the wants of the public does it expect to achieve success.

In this connection it may not be amiss to state that it is the intention of the manager to publish a newspaper, devoted especially to the local interests of Cheboygan, city and county. A fair share of attention will also be paid to the advancement of the interests of the entire northern portion of the state, embracing particularly within its scope all those counties adjacent to Cheboygan, which do not as yet possess a local paper. While the paper will be devoted principally to local affairs, it will give each week a full resume of all the principal events transpiring throughout the state, as well as the whole country, together with a sufficient amount of entertaining miscellany as will make it a welcome weekly visitor in every family.

The NORTHERN TRIBUNE will not be a political paper. The manager deeming that the interests of his patrons and the community can be best subserved by his devoting his entire attention to the advancement of local interests, and to this end he will claim the right in county and city affairs to take such action as he thinks will best subserve those interests.

With these few words of introduction the NORTHERN TRIBUNE is sent upon its mission, to meet success or failure, in proportion as it meets the wants of its readers.

OUR RAILROAD PROSPECTS.

The railroad prospects of Cheboygan seem to be brightening. For some time past rumors have been in circulation in reference to the early completion of the Jackson, Lansing & Saginaw railroad, but nothing definite could be learned concerning it. The late election of directors of the Michigan Central railroad in Detroit, at which the regular ticket, which was the old board, with one exception, was re-elected without opposition, would indicate that the rumors might not be without foundation.

It is probably fresh in the minds of all who are interested in the early completion of the road, that last year a strong effort was made by some of the Boston stockholders of this road to effect a change in the management, and upon the ground that money had been expended upon the construction of the road, that it took more than the promise of the main line to pay for them, and keep up their running expenses, which resulted in the non-payment of dividends. James F. Joy, the President of the road, was the champion of the extension, and towards him were the efforts of the dissatisfied directors. They seemed to forget the fact that although these branches in themselves did not pay, that without them as feeders, the main line might not pay. What they failed to do in the Central road, they succeeded upon the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, a road controlled by the same management, and Mr. Joy was ousted from his position as a director. However, the fight upon this question, together with the panic, had the effect to suspend all building operations, and to make a change in the general superintendency of the road as well as other changes, looking towards economy and retrenchment.

These matters have stood for the past year. The opinion was held by those best informed upon railroad matters that the same influence that procured Mr. Joy's retirement from the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, would possess power enough to effect the same result in the Michigan Central. This opinion seemed to be shared by Mr. Joy himself, for some months since he announced his intention of retiring from the Presidency of the road at the end of the year. This intention he renounced a short time ago, and the election took place in Detroit last week with the result above stated, and Mr. Joy will undoubtedly be re-elected to the Presidency of the road at the meeting of the directors in Boston next week.

We cannot but think that this will materially improve our railroad prospects, for we do not believe that Mr. Joy has changed his long-standing views upon the subject of the resources of Northern Michigan, and the necessity and eventual profitability of extending railroad facilities into this country. There being no independent ticket proposed would indicate that the opposition to Mr. Joy upon this subject had been abandoned. These facts lend a color of truth to the reports that have been made, and a probability of correctness to the following item which appeared in the Detroit Tribune of the 6th inst.:

Later information confirms the previous reports that the Jackson, Lansing & Saginaw railroad is to be immediately pushed through to Mackinac, and that road is also to be united with the Detroit & Bay City railroad (now known as the Bay City division of the Central railroad) and that when the connection is consummated, the united line will be styled the Mackinac division. Mr. T. B. Sargent will be general superintendent of the road, and his headquarters will be at Bay City.

We do not believe in raising the hopes of our citizens, only to have them fall to the ground again, but taking all the above facts into consideration the report does not seem improbable. We shall endeavor to lay before our readers all the facts in the case, and the prospects as they are developed.

THE BEECHER TRIAL.

The great Beecher trial has ended at last. Six months have been consumed in hearing the evidence and the legal discussions. The very best legal talent has been employed upon both sides, and tens of thousands of dollars in money have been expended, and now the question of Mr. Beecher's guilt of the shocking charge, is left just where it was before the trial began. The jury have announced that they could not agree upon a verdict.

What have been the results of the trial? Most disastrous for the country at large. The moral sentiment of the nation has been lowered. Much of the evidence was actually indecent, while all of it was suggestively so; not fit for newspaper mention. Yet it has been published in full by all the leading papers, and sent out every morning to be read by millions of people both young and old. The influence could not be other than corrupting, and its baneful effects have been felt in every nook and corner of the land.

The principle effort on the part of Mr. Beecher's counsel has been to blacken Mr. Tilton's character, and the character of every body who questioned the great preacher's innocence. If this could be accomplished, of course the purity of Mr. Beecher's character would at once be established.

As far as ruining the reputation of Mr. Tilton, and leaving his character in a state of utter moral dilapidation, that has been accomplished to an extent gratifying, even to Mr. Beecher's warmest partisans; but the evidence has, at the same time, exposed an amount of weakness, not to say silliness and credulity, on the part of Mr. Beecher, throwing aside the question of guilt, that is not at all consistent with his supposed high character. He may be eloquent, he may be a great preacher, he may be innocent, but he is sadly deficient in common sense.

That the result of the trial, and its exposures, will have any immediate effect upon Mr. Beecher's popularity as a preacher, so far as his hearers are concerned, we do not think, but his words will never again have the influence they once had. To "vindicate" Mr. Beecher before the world, Plymouth church has raised his salary to \$100,000 per year. Plymouth Church is run upon commercial principle, and as long as Mr. Beecher's notoriety lasts, the speculation will pay, but he cannot be "vindicated" in any such a way.

DO WE POSSESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF A CITY?

The manager of this paper, after a careful examination into the natural advantages and resources of this section of the state, came to the same conclusion that many have arrived at before him, that the signs of the times indicated that Cheboygan must eventually become the business center, as it may now be called the geographical center, of a large section of the state. Having confidence in the future destiny of the place, he has made such investments as became necessary for the conducting of his business, and will henceforth be found lending all his means and talents towards bringing about this result.

As upon the growth and prosperity of the town and surrounding country depends to a great extent the success of his enterprise, he does the success of every other enterprise of a business character, it may not be amiss to say a few words concerning those matters which are most intimately connected with the success or failure of the place to occupy in the future that position which its friends confidently expect.

It cannot be expected that Cheboygan can become a large city in a day or a year. This requires time and not a little labor. The growth of a city is very similar to the growth of any business enterprise. First there must be the need of a city. The growing resources of the country must demand one. This, Cheboygan possesses to an extent excelled by few places. Second, it must first have enterprising, energetic business men, men who, at the same time that they labor for the advancement of their own interests, will labor for the general advancement of the place. Third, the representatives of the business of the place must, while they may not abate their business competition, work together like different members of a merchantile firm, for the advancement, for the growth, for the prosperity of their city. To what extent these requirements have been observed in this place, those who have been longer residents here are better qualified to judge than the writer. If they have been observed, it is well. If not, a little thought will convince everyone, that in no other way can the successful, rapid growth of the place be obtained. It is well known that if the members of a business firm, do not work in harmony, do not work for the interests of each other as well as themselves, disaster and failure is sure to overtake them sooner or later. Few towns there are which cannot point to examples of this nature, and Cheboygan is probably not an exception. Throughout this state, as well as the whole country, stand little villages with a dead and desolate look, which might have been cities, but are now monuments of the folly of their inhabitants in allowing jealous bickerings to divide their strength, and by so doing allow other places, with not the same natural advantages, but more forethought and harmony among their people, to occupy the proud position that they once hoped to fill.

Like a business, a city to be prosperous and achieve a rapid and prosperous growth, must be properly advertised. The world must know of its location, advantages and resources, so that when men are contemplating a change, they will come and see for themselves. This is one of the necessities of Cheboygan. To accomplish this, labor, harmony and concentration of purpose is necessary. One of the leading objects of this journal will be to spread abroad information regarding the place and this portion of the state. But in this the greatest good can be accomplished only through the hearty co-operation of all those interested in the growth and prosperity of the place, and what citizen is not? This much upon general principles. As the manager of this paper becomes better acquainted with the citizens and the necessities of the place, he will refer to them more specifically.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mrs. ALGERNON SARTORIS, daughter of President Grant, on Sunday last gave birth to a fine boy, weighing 10½ pounds.

A NEWSPAPER paragraph has it that Alexander H. Stephens commenced delivering an oration on the Fourth of July, at Atlanta, Ga. No notice has yet been given of his having finished it.

THE CHRISTIAN UNION says that no true Christian, or any man with any manhood in him, will commit suicide. The question returns again, "Currency," of the Free Press asks, "what Beecher wanted of that acid?"

THE Chicago Tribune says the next Senatorial contest in Michigan promises to be as lively as the one of last fall. Z. Chandler and Gov. Bagley aspire to Mr. Ferry's seat; and Mr. F. is in the hands of his friends and an all-wise Providence for another term.

SCARCELY had the moralists of New Jersey ceased drawing instructive lessons from the drowning of a young lad who went swimming in the Pasale river on Sunday than they were called upon to lament the loss of a tract distributor who was struck by lightning on the same day while diligently following his vocation.

THE Jackson Citizen says a young lady, yet in her teens, bought at a shoe store in that city the other day, a pair of No. 19 shoes, the old shoes which she left, and which she said were too tight for her, being 14 inches long and 7½ broad. She is evidently first cousin to the woman who couldn't pick up chips because her feet covered all that were in reach. The Jackson damsel lives in Iowa, where standing room is cheap.

GEN. FRANK BLAIR, who has been suffering from paralysis and marasmus for some time, died suddenly at St. Louis, on the 8th. For some time past he has been treated by transfusion of the blood, and seemed to improve under it. His funeral was solemnized on the 11th, and was very largely attended. His remains were escorted to the cemetery by the First Missouri regiment, of which he the first colonel.

MR. KEELY, the "new motor" man, proposes to run a train of thirty cars from Philadelphia to New York at the rate of sixty miles an hour with a single engine, the motive power to be furnished by an amount of water which can be held in the palm of one's hand. He shall prove that there is so much power in a small amount of water the Philadelphians will be more afraid of that element than ever; but unless they are very credulous they will wait until they see the train move out of the station.

ANOTHER bank has been saved from pillage by the use of a lock which is opened by clockwork on the inside of the vault. On the night of the 6th, a gang of burglars seized and bound the family of the cashier of the National bank of Barre, Vermont, and took the cashier to the bank, and required him to open the vault. He showed them that the vault could not be opened, and that the lock was on the inside, controlled by a clock, whereupon they let him go, and gave up the job.

THE Continental Improvement company and the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad company filed suit against J. K. Edgerton to recover \$600,000 alleged to have been appropriated to his own use during his Presidency. At the end of Mr. Edgerton's rule the road was bankrupt, and in order to save the land grant contract was made with the Continental improvement company to build and equip the road, and giving them the land grant and the use of the road for a term of years in payment. Meanwhile the Continental improvement company have purchased a large part of the stock, and now virtually own the road.

ACCORDING to the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Times, Mr. Barber, the Third Assistant Postmaster General, estimates the loss to the government through washed stamps at one million dollars annually, or five per cent. of the receipts of the stamps. Mr. Barber says that European countries are victimized in the same way. The statement that the loss is as great as reported seems almost incredible, and calls for the exercise of the utmost ingenuity on the part of the government officials to the end that a stop be put to the petty thieving.

THE Detroit Post says that Congress will be asked, at its next session, to make an appropriation for an exhibition of live savages at the Philadelphia Centennial. The proposition is to select a family of four or five individuals from each tribe of Indians, and make special reservation for them in the Philadelphia Park, where they will pitch their tents, fish, hunt, cook, eat, and go through all routine of savage life in the presence of assembled Christendom. To give the show an air of reality we suppose ponies and beef cattle will be driven up conveniently for stealing every morning, and daily details be made from the city hospitals for scalping purposes. The moral effect of the exhibition will, however, be quite lost unless there is also exposed to the world's wonder a genuine Indian agent with his little government scales and rations, and a Yale professor, or two, to explain what it all means.

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